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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

FROM: John L. Helgerson
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Your Monthly Meeting with Representatives
Stokes and Hyde

1. On Thursday, 29 September at 8:00 a.m. you are scheduled to have your regular monthly meeting with Chairman Stokes and Ranking Minority Member Hyde. Your last meeting with them took place on 13 July.

2. I suggest you discuss the following subjects, for which talking points are attached:

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--Security Evaluation Office.



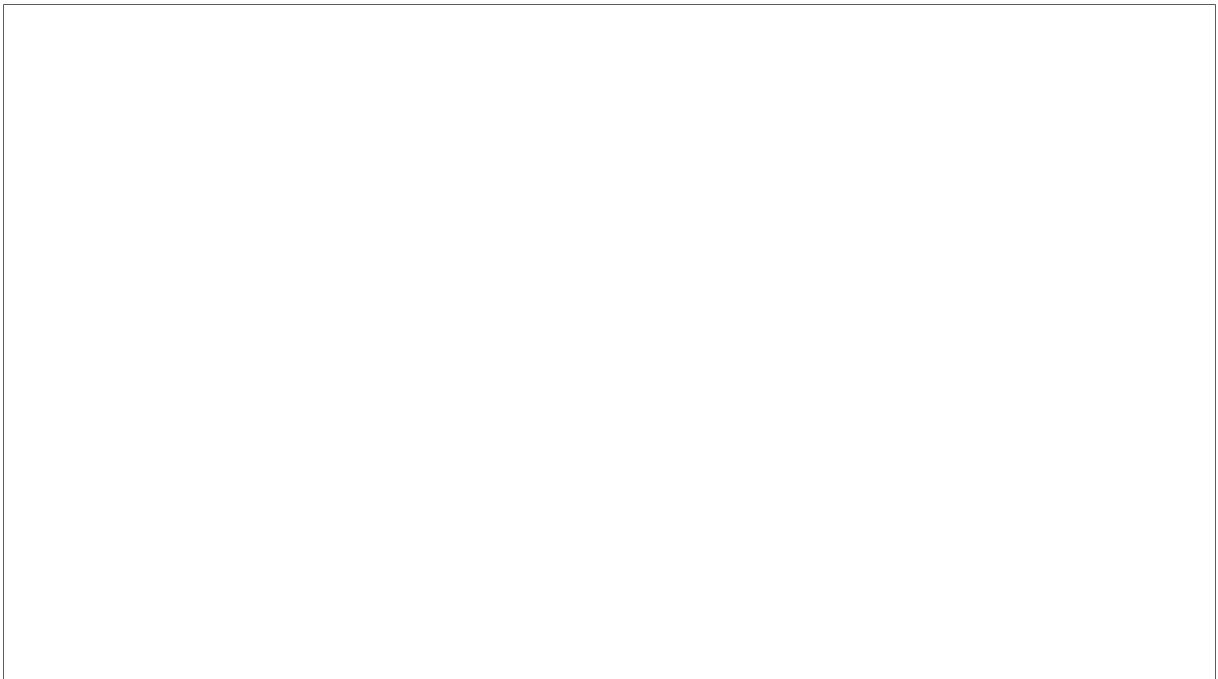
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3. In addition to the items above, you may wish to mention the following items because you have already discussed them with Senators Boren and Cohen.

--Possible indictment of Ferdinand Marcos.

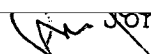


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4. In parting, you may wish to solicit the Chairman's views on contacts during the October to January recess, at a minimum stressing your availability.



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Attachments

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Talking Points for Monthly Stokes/Hyde Meeting

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On 14 September, while you were away, Representative Dante Fascell (D., FL), Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Chairman Stokes engaged in a colloquy on the Security Evaluation Office (SEO) during House floor consideration of the Conferees Report on the FY 1989 Intelligence Authorization Bill. Representative Hyde later added his understanding of the role of the SEO.

Although the wording of the colloquy reflects more accurately the State Department's position on SEO, there is nothing in the wording which impacts irrevocably on the SEO. The colloquy is not binding in law and merely expresses the intent of Congress on SEO. Both Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde mentioned that the President ultimately must make the necessary decision regarding any impasse on SEO and rightfully that is where we have always contended such issues should be resolved.

The most problematic wording is Mr. Fascell's contention and Chairman Stokes' subsequent agreement that SEO is a "joint operation" under the DCI. SEO is not a joint effort. However, we can counter that the word "joint" means cooperative. The fact that State does not fund any portion of SEO makes the usual meaning of joint most difficult if not impossible to justify.

The bottom line is we can live with the wording of the colloquy. It will ultimately have minimal impact on your goals and objectives for SEO. In talking with Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde you may want to make the following points:

--We all agree that protecting U.S. embassies abroad from foreign penetration is a goal everyone shares. Their interest and assistance in ensuring that we achieve this goal, as reflected in the colloquy, is appreciated.

--Express your concern over the impasse with State Department over the functions of the SEO.

--Assure both that every effort is being made to resolve the issues with State and that you will keep them informed of progress.

--Despite the obstacles, SEO is moving forward to fulfill its Presidentially mandated mission.

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